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TWO MEN HURT.

Tornado Wrecked a Hand Car and Injured the Crew.

On last Sunday afternoon a very singular accident, with very serious results, occurred near the widow Rice's residence about two miles below this place. A big slip had occurred on the C. and O. just below Fullers and four men on a hand car had started from Louisa to work at the break. They were Dan Blankenship, Tom Blankenship, Dave Marcum and Ben Blankenship, the latter a son of Mose Blankenship and about 16 years old. Shortly after they left Louisa the cyclone spoken of elsewhere struck the outfit and began to whirl them along at the rate of at least 40 miles an hour.

Right in the curve above the Rice place a cross-current joined forces with the gale and car and men were picked up and hurled with great force yards away. Tom Blankenship was standing on the brake in a vain effort to bring the car to a stop several minutes before the tornado struck it, and Dan Blankenship had picked out a soft spot and jumped. He was thrown about 50 feet, going, as he expressed it, end over end and landing in a heap badly stunned and shaken up. The other men were scattered hither and yon, and the car, completely wrecked, was carried over a hundred feet. The two Blankenship men, as soon as they were able, rendered each aid as they could to the others. Dave Marcum was insensible when picked up. His head and face were covered with blood, and it was half an hour before he recovered consciousness. The boy Ben had a broken arm. The injured were carried into Mrs. Rice's and made as comfortable as possible and a messenger went to Louisa to notify the company's surgeon, Dr. Wroten. The men were placed on a fever car and brought to this place and taken to the residence of Foreman Dan Blankenship. Here they received every attention at the hands of Dan and his good wife, Dr. Wroten and Dr. Bromley rendered the necessary surgical aid. The lad's left arm, both bones of which were broken, was set and its many bruises and skinned places dressed. Marcum's head was a mass of scalp wounds, all of them wide and deep. The scalp in places hung in strips from the head. His back was badly wrenched and sprained, both ankles and his left wrist were sprained, and his back lay in many places. On Tuesday the injured men were taken to Fullers, where they lived. Marcum was carried to the train on a stretcher.

It will be many weeks before they can resume work.

This Occurred in Huntington.

With a vim and vigor that spoke of the strength of public opinion against ring rule, the Democrats walked away with almost everything in sight at the election at Huntington. They elected their candidate for Mayor, John Ensign, with ease over the Republican candidate, Ira J. Harshberger, ex-sheriff of Cabell county.

Everything went their way, even the school board. The Republicans claim that when all is settled, they will have a majority in the council, but it is believed that the Democrats will have an even split in that body.

DAVISVILLE.

April 8.—Last week was a busy one with our farmers out sowing, plowing for corn, grubbing and sprouting.

Mrs. B. F. Burgess and little daughter, Lenna, visited relatives at this place last week.

Our sick folks are a little better. Mrs. Lee Pack and Spencer Swinny, Jr. have measles at Green Caudle's. Also, at S. T. Burton's, they seem to be in a light form and don't have like they do in the winter.

John Salyer, living on M. A. Davis' farm, had the misfortune of getting his house burned a few days ago.

Charley Stone visited relatives on Elaine Saturday and Sunday.

Scott Williamson was on our creek last week, hunting for a pair of moles.

The friends of the Rev. Mr. Hewlett are glad to see him out after a painful sickness.

Lively Doin's at Kirmit.

Kermit is the postoffice name of East Warfield, just across the Tug from that other Warfield. On last Friday night it was also the field of war. As usual a woman was at the bottom of the difficulty. In fact two women were engaged, and gore followed.

William Workman keeps a saloon in the aforesaid East Warfield. One Margaret Huffman, also known as "Dick," is not unknown to Warfield and its frequenters. Against her the Workman woman had a grudge, real or fancied, and on the night mentioned she proceeded to carve her anatomy. The result so far as Mrs. Huffman was concerned was some pretty bad gashes, but Huffman was also game, and with a pistol "loaded with powder and ball," as the legal phrase hath it, she deposited one or more leaden pills in her carver's frame.

Kermit is named for Theodore's son, and its strenuousness as a village is naturally attributed to this fact.

Program.

A students' recital, by the Expression and Music Departments of the K. N. C. will be given at the Opera House, Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p. m.

The programme will consist of readings, a pantomime, "The Holy City," by Miss Byington, monologues and instrumental and vocal music. Miss Freese's chorus class participating.

The children of Miss Stafford's class will compete for a prize on the evening of the 23rd. This will close her term in Expression here for this school year.

All who had the pleasure of attending the former entertainment when pantomime, monologues, music etc. were the attractive features will be glad to know that such another delightful occasion will be once more afforded them. Particulars will be found in the next issue of the NEWS.

The Antidote.

There are so many deaths accidental and otherwise, from carbolic acid that it is well to know an antidote which, if used in time, is absolutely unfailing. This antidote is alcohol, used pure externally and diluted as little as possible if used internally. If alcohol is not at hand strong whisky is a good substitute. And the NEWS does not mean to imply that everybody has chunky hands, but it is often more easily obtained than alcohol. Be careful not to use wood alcohol in any condition internally, or the last state of the user will be worse than his first.

Killed Near Williamson.

About 9 o'clock last Monday morning No. 3, the west bound N. and W. passenger train, ran into a slide about one mile east of Williamson. The engine turned completely upside down, instantly killing Fireman Pickett. Outside of a severe shaking up the remainder of the crew escaped injury. No passengers were hurt. The train reached Fort Gay several hours late.

Ground Broken.

Ground was broken for the foundation of the new Baptist church last Monday. The building will be 42 by 62, of brick with a concrete foundation extending four or five feet above the ground. The church will be modern in design, and will be pushed to completion as speedily as possible.

The family of W. F. Shipman has moved into the new and handsome home belonging to Charles Diamond, on South Jefferson street. William Justice will immediately take possession of the house vacated by Mr. Shipman.

Charley W. Vaughan and bride, a charming Miss Stella Kries, of Charleston, passed through the city en route to Cincinnati.—Tribune.

Mr. Vaughan is related to the Louisa family of this man and is quite well known here.

Mr. Daum and family, of Paintsville, have moved into the McHenry house on the corner of Lock avenue and Maple street.

A TORNADO

Gives Freakish and Expensive Performance Near Louisa.

TWO MEN INJURED AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

For the first time in the memory of men alike badly wrecked.

of that somewhat mythical person, the "oldest inhabitant," a cyclone, or tornado, or hurricane, or whatever the thing might with correctness be called, hit this section last Sunday, and the blow was a hard one, too. It came about something like this: The day had been one of variable noada. There had been just enough sunshine on the earth and mildness in the air to bring people out to church and show the holiday harness which had to stay in the wardrobe and presses Easter, and in the afternoon a big crowd gathered at the river to witness a big baptizing. About the time the service began the rain fell, not heavily, but it looked threatening in the Northwest and nearly everybody sought shelter—the house-lover his fireside and the loafer his favorite nook elsewhere.

About this time there might have been seen, as the old novels used to begin their yarns, a very dark cloud in the direction of down the river. Since the tornado the cloud was a funnel-shaped one and some have said that it was also a corker built, but perhaps this is because it was bred in old Kentucky. Be this as it may the wind blew pretty hard but no one in Louisa had any thought of a cyclone until shortly before five o'clock word reached the C. and O. turgon to get ready to look after some men who had been badly hurt by a hand car accident near the Widow Rice's on two-mile. For particulars of this see another column.

Pretty soon from various sources and by various channels came reports concerning this rare and unusual visitor. Big Sandy's first real genuine, name-blown-in-the-bottle cyclone. We don't get much news of it below Two-Mile or above Louisa. It must have come from the region of Big Hurricane, (anything in a name?) W. Va., for its track ranged up the river on that side as far as the commissary building that stood on the east side of the N. and W. track a short distance below the old Fred Moore place. We say commissary building that stood on the east side of the road. It doesn't stand there any more. The cyclone carefully picked it up and carried it across the road, over a fence, and set it down on the west side. It's a big two-story building, too. Right here is where it must have crossed the river. Here, just above Mrs. Rice's, it met a hand car with four men on it. It picked it up, and the heavy car and three men—one had jumped—went over and over, finally landing in the bottom near the house.

Mrs. Heater Grubb, of Prosperity, did have a nice two-story house for a residence. Well, until she gets another or finds the missing story the tornado carried off she must be content with a cottage. How much further this Sunday visitor went up the Blaine Valley this paper does not know. So far there is no report of any loss of life, for which we are properly thankful.

From the present back to a period so remote that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary the watch-cry of this region has been "Big Sandy against the World!" We have the prettiest girls, the handsomest women, the finest coal and the biggest babies on earth. Until Sunday we hadn't had a cyclone, didn't want one, but if it had to come, as come it did, it makes us very stuck up like toknow that just such another twister never "come down the pike." It was unique and inimitable, grand and peculiar, but, thank you, one is enough. Big Sandy rests on its laurels.

Baptist Meeting Closed.

The very interesting and successful protracted meeting which had been held so long in the Baptist church came to a close last Sunday night. It was probably the most successful meeting in the history of the Louisa church. Very many were added to the membership, many were converted and about twenty-five have been baptized with more waiting for the ceremony. Mr. Roberts is a tireless worker. He held two, sometimes three, services daily, and got his vim and vigor at the close of this great meeting seemed. He began a meeting Monday night in Fort Gay and will hold it as long as interest is shown.

Ernest Wellman, of Fort Gay, who was accidentally shot and seriously wounded by John Bartram some weeks ago, is rapidly recovering and will soon be so he can be moved to his home on Cedar Point. It will be remembered that the accident occurred in the store on the Louisa and Fort Gay bridge.

A protracted meeting is now being held in the Southern Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. O. F. Williams. Services are held twice daily and much interest has already been aroused.

To Start Work.

Geo. P. Egan, General Manager of the Colonial Trust Co., is in Catlettsburg from Philadelphia to start work on Lock No. 1 at the mouth of the Big Sandy and on lock No. 1, of the Levisa fork at Chapman. John Awan, of Ashland, who has before served efficiently in this capacity is in charge of the work at the mouth of the river and will push it toward completion.

Killed Near Warfield.

John Thompson, aged 30, was accidentally killed near Warfield by No. 16 last Friday. It is said that he was asleep on the track and was not discovered until it was too late to stop the train.

The U. S. Recruiting Station at this place has been discontinued. The reason given for its closing is lack of business. Corporal Smith left yesterday for Logan, W. Va., to take charge of the station there.

William Felix Click, of Star Furnace, in Ashland, was fatally crushed in a fall of slate at the mines of the Adkins Coal Company last Friday.

More Hen Fruit.

Louisians put on "quite a few" airs over the big shipment of eggs by a local produce house a week or so ago, but the medal is respectfully, but reluctantly, tendered to the town of Pembroke, this State.

Loaded entirely with eggs, a special train will leave that place about April 15 for the Chicago market. The train will consist of fifteen to twenty cars, and will carry 2,500,000 eggs. These eggs have been gathered by a produce company there from the surrounding counties and will bring into circulation several thousands of dollars. The company has been shipping several cars of eggs each week, but this train will carry the banner load from Kentucky, and probably from any other State.

ROVE CREEK.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely under the management of Mrs. Linzey Layne.

Charles Lambert is very low with fever and has been for some time. Miss Cora Bryan is visiting relatives at Fort Gay, but will return in a few days.

Jim Moore was on our creek Sunday. Also, John Thompson and Elmer Billups.

Miss Mary Stewart Rye, of East Liverpool, is visiting home folks. Mrs. James Stewart is very ill.

Miss Lydia Runyon, of Fallsburg, was here Sunday.

Lorn, to Mrs. Brunk Vanhorn, a girl.

Mrs. Laura McCoy is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. John Lamb.

Miss Olio Powers and Ida Wooten were here Wednesday.

Jim Bryan moved to Burwell branch Tuesday.

Thos. Vanhorn returned Sunday evening from Frankfort, Ky.

Lewis Bennett and wife set out for New Brighton, Pa., last week.

Dr. Warren passed up our creek Sunday.

Fred Massey is working for A. J. Burton.

Butler Bough was here Sunday.

Misses Nolda and Halla Fannin visited Misses Mollie and Florence Lambert Tuesday.

Mrs. Buggy Vanhorn visited Mrs. Phil Trammel Sunday.

Mrs. Sackie Curnutte visited her daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Vanhorn, Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Stump visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Stump, at Louisa, last week.

Lee Vanhorn made a trip to Catlettsburg last Saturday.

Millard Byington was here Sunday.

Wallace Cochran, of Fallsburg, and Miss Sarah Chaffin, of Huletts, were married Sunday.

Charley Frasher had the misfortune to lose his little daughter, Lizzy.

George Lakin and George Bryan were on our creek Sunday.

Early Bird.

MATTIE.

J. W. Ball bought a fine span of horses last week.

Colonel Ward has moved from J. H. Sturdliff's to the C. C. Hayes' place.

Warrn Castle and Milt McKinster are hauling timber for Justice. They are putting in some nice popular logs from E. G. McKinster's farm.

C. W. Moore and brother have three saw mills in operation.

Tuere was a pie mite at this place last Saturday evening for the benefit of Sunday School.

Several of our young folks attended the Easter entertainment at Charley and report a nice time.

The sick girl of David Curnutte is improving.

Dr. J. O. Moore is improving his farm by putting up some new fence.

D. M. Moore is making plowstocks.

Jeff Ball and Ben Howard are going to farm very expensively this Jas Moore and Bert Moore have gone to Ashland to work.

William Hays has made a fine lot of ties this winter.

W. H. C. and J. B. Moore are cleaning some fine new ground this spring.

F. W. Ball and H. K. Moore went up our creek the other day with a fine drove of cattle.

C. C. Hays is preparing to fence the bottom that he bought of Al. Hays.

Henderson Thompson was here the other day.

H. Moore is our hustling hunter.

Leonard McComas has left for parts unknown.

Two Boys.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

The parole board at Frankfort turned down the application of Andy Akers, of Pike county.

James Sanders, of Pike county, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years has been paroled.

Wellington Patrick, of Magoffin, who is a student of the Normal Department, made the highest grade in Freshman English at the second term examination at State College.

Geo. Murris, Jailer of Pike county, has deputized Grant Phillips to take charge of the jail for the remainder of his term and will move to his farm on Dick's fork of Big Creek.

Reports reached Paintsville Wednesday that a registered letter containing \$500 was mailed from Jackson, Breathitt county, to Chester, Laurel county, and when it reached its destination contained but \$23. No clue has been obtained.

W. Scott Whitte, a former resident of Johnson county, but now a citizen of Pikeville, M. F. Campbell, of Paintsville, and Anthony R. Williams, of Pikeville, are all candidates and running a neck and shoulder race for Legislature.

The trains on the Elkhorn division are now carrying the mail to all up-river points, which is a great convenience for those people. "Kid" McCre is mail clerk. Transportation of mails by train began last week.

Shade Keene, of Pike, the unfortunate man who was recently hurt by the saw mill boiler explosion on Dry Fork, took a turn for the worse Sunday and died Tuesday night at Hotel Seelbach. Drs. Thompson, Campbell and Vicars did everything in their power to save him, but he had received some internal injury which could not be reached by medicine and was necessarily fatal.

Since the fall meeting of the Fiscal Court of Floyd county one of their number—or, rather, one of the magistrates—has passed into the Great Beyond; John Allen, better and more familiarly known as "Elick John," of Alphoretta, who died at his home on Beaver two weeks ago. The magistrates elected George P. Archer, of Prestonsburg, as County Treasurer for the ensuing year.

CLIFFORD.

April 6.—Misses Nadie and Maxie Frazier have returned from Gallipoli after a course of training in Prof. Robbins' school.

John A. Bartram, of Catlettsburg, is the obliging assistant postmaster at this place.

The Frazier Brothers have had 2 ox teams breaking gorges in Rock Castle Creek and will have a large timber run on first water.

Miss Minerva Bartram is having a fine dress made in Catlettsburg, but can't say what may happen in the future.

Capt. W. H. Bartram is making preparations to farm on a large scale.

William St. Claire is our champion gardener.

Mont Frazier has moved his family to Milo, Martin county, where they will be near his timber job.

James Bartram and Rush Frazier have a nice young team of cattle at work.

The people of this village make it a point to visit the postoffice on Fridays to receive the Big Sandy News, which is very popular in this vicinity.

There will be church at Clifford 2nd Sunday in April.

Dr. S. Z. Frazier contemplates moving his family to near Inez, where he is timbering on a large scale.

Dea.

The Louisa Contract Company is arranging to start the season's work. J. H. Preston and C. B. Cautcher, members of the firm, will go to the Guyan valley, in West Virginia, next week, where the company has a contract for a large amount of concrete work.